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CURRENT COMMENT

Alderman Tipton at the City Council meeting last evening said that too much time was wasted by the council in arguing over matters which should be discussed by committees. A little later the alderman entered into a discussion on small matter, and after a long time had been wasted advised that the matter be referred to a committee or subcommittee to deal with. Had Alderman Tipton put into practice the principle advocated by him with out entering into a discussion, and had this small matter referred to a committee, he would have saved valuable time. We quite agree with his contention. One of the new members of this year's council is a disposition on the part of committees to shrink the responsibility of making definite recommendations and to force the decision which will be made by the council to the committee. The expense of the Police Committee when they attempted to do their duty was not such as to encourage others to assume any responsibility which could be easily avoided.

Citizens of Strathcona will note with satisfaction the appointment of four professors for the University of Alberta. We have no doubt that the Senate considered the credentials of the Professors most approved carefully and that their selection will bring credit to the University and the Province. We feel that the council allow one of the appointments to pass without comment. Mr. J. W. Bradshaw has been appointed to the chair of English Literature. Mr. Bradshaw has magnificent credentials. He is B.A., M.A., Ph.D., Professor of English in University of Toronto, and has been a faculty instructor in Harvard University. Had it been to fill any other chair than that of English Literature, we would have welcomed him with enthusiasm. But it seems to us unfortunate that a Canadian graduate was not appointed to this learning in government and the appointment of an American to any of all the other chairs would not have been a fair subject of objection. But this is a political literature position is different. We grant that all in English speaking world have a common literature but it would be wrong to deprecate ourselves into the belief that even in the world of letters nationality does not enter into the point of view. We are sure it is inseparably interwoven with history. Can any one pretend that the Canadian interpretation of history is identical with the American. The appointment of Mr. Bradshaw, however magnificent he may struggle against it, it, the deterioration and the history of the graduates of Alberta will be regarded through the glasses of our American Cousins. We do not know what hope the Literature faculty may take in Alberta but we do know from personal experience that the Literature course of a University is the one course which offers opportunity for the incalculating of national ideals and roots of patriotism. We think Mr. Bradshaw's appointment puts him in a very difficult position.

RETRACTIONS

Under the above heading the following appears in our contemporary's issue of yesterday:
Ald. Somersall, Chairman of the Police Committee has taken exception to certain parts of an article which appeared in these columns on Friday last entitled "Another Investigation Requested." First of all the statement that he was negligent in doing his duty in connection with the Gilliland incident. He expresses the opinion that the episode was simply a dramatic pose and that since Mr. Gilliland withholds the names of his assailants nothing can be done to make him reveal them. He says he asked Mr. Gilliland for the names and says that he would not give them but that he did not expect to him that if he (Alderman)

Somersall, knew who they were he would not want him to give their names.

Ald. Somersall further states that he received from Const. Peters what purported to be a copy of a statement by Gilliland but that it was not signed. He thinks that his duty as Chairman of the Police Committee was performed when he instructed Const. Peters to ascertain the names of Gilliland's assailants if he could. The question of whether Ald. Somersall did his whole duty in this affair or not, is a matter of opinion, surely open to the public and the press. In the light of Gilliland's statement and Const. Peters' report we cannot agree that all was done to facilitate an investigation in the interest of law and order.

We have never alleged or insinuated that the men who committed the assault but simply stated what Const. Peters declared, positively that Mr. Gilliland said that Ald. Somersall would not want him to give the names of his assailants if he knew who they were. Ald. Somersall denied that Mr. Gilliland made any such statement to him and we are bound to take his word for it. In any event the crediting of such a statement to Gilliland is neither an allegation nor a statement. Ald. Somersall said that Ald. Somersall said, as far as the Plaintiff is concerned. We have no wish to do either Ald. Somersall or other members of the Police Committee injustice either in this or other matters that have arisen for public discussion but to criticize fairly the administration.

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Fabulous Cost Of Transcontinental Railway

Ottawa, July 7.—At the night session of the House, on a vote of the million dollars for the national transcontinental railway, Mr. Borden read a statement of the total cost of the construction of the transcontinental from Montreal to Winnipeg, at an estimated cost of \$63,427, as given by the minister of railways, in \$114,393,765. Allowing five years for the period of construction there will be an average of 25 years simple interest and the cost at 3% per cent per year would be \$10,000,000, making the total cost for the eastern section when completed \$124,393,765.

Edith Mr. Borden, said that at three per cent (not compounded) after completion, during which the G.T.P. is to pay no rent, \$124,393,765, making a grand total of \$161,724,285.

The Quebec bridge cost to March 1, 1907, \$5,422,238 and the estimated cost of completion was placed by the government itself at \$9,000,000, making a total of \$14,422,238. The estimated cost of the country's share of terminals at Quebec, Montreal and Winnipeg, and shops east of Winnipeg was \$5,720,000, or a grand total cost of the eastern division of \$14,411,118.

Then taking up the mountain section for 819 miles, as stated in a return brought down, \$61,520,000. Seventy-five per cent of this, or \$46,140,000, to be guaranteed by the government for construction. The government has agreed to pay, without recourse interest on bonds so guaranteed for seven years which, at 3% per cent amounts to \$9,569,000.

Mr. Borden then reviewed the total cash expenditure and showed that it amounted to \$191,305,823. In addition to this cash expenditure the government incurs the following obligations on its guarantee of bonds: Guarantee of bonds issued on mountain section, \$46,140,000; guarantee of bonds issued on prairie section, 916 miles at \$15,000 or \$13,908,000; additional cash expenditure makes a total obligation of \$249,333,823.

In contrast with this estimate Mr. Borden cited the finance minister's estimate in 1903 of \$91,000,000 as a total cost. Mr. Borden said he had himself estimated the cost at \$40,000,000, but this had been laughed at as excessive to the point of absurdity.

The opposition leader went on to add another estimate to the increase of the public debt, which this expenditure would mean. Mr. Borden's estimate was \$49,000,000 on the probable debt by the time the national transcontinental is completed. The present net debt is \$465,000,000.

The minister of railways reserved his reply till to-morrow, following only that Mr. Borden's estimate for cost of terminals were excessive. The item was then allowed to stand.

GRAND ORANGE CELEBRATION

The 218th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne will be held at Strathcona, Alberta, on

MONDAY, JULY 13, '08

During the afternoon the following program will be carried out:

1.30. Orange Speeches

Some of the best speakers of Central Alberta have been invited to attend, and will give addresses

3.00. Horse Races as follows:

- Class A: Trot or Pace 5/8 mile heats, best 2 in 3; 1st \$50 and \$15, 2nd \$30
- Class B: Trot or Pace 5/8 mile heats, best 2 in 3; 1st \$40 and \$15, 2nd \$30
- Class C: Trot or Pace 5/8 mile heats, best 2 in 3; 1st \$40 and \$15, 2nd \$30
- Half-Mile dash; best 2 in 3; 1st \$15, and \$10, 2nd \$5

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A short program of Athletic Sports will also be run off

Base Ball

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Scheduled game in the Twilight League

TRAIN SERVICE

Arrangements have been made with the C.P.R. for a special train to be run from Wetaskiwin, leaving that city about 9:30 a.m. on July 13th, and reaching here about 11:00 a.m. The return fare will be One and One-Half, and stops will be made at Leduc, Millet and other intermediate points. Lodges will be in attendance from Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Agriculture, Leduc, Wetaskiwin, Hardisty, Tanglefoot, Killam and other places.

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Professors Appointed For University

Calgary, July 7.—A meeting of the Senate of the University of Alberta was held last night in the Judges' chambers of the court house at 8 p.m. The members present were: Mr. Justice Stuart, Chancellor, presiding; Mr. Justice Beck, Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Tury, President; Hon. Dr. Rutherford, Minister of Education; P. H. Nolan, K.C.; John J. Gueda, John A. McDougall, J. McCall, Mr. Strathly, Dr. Boyd and Dr. Galbraith.

The Senate made the following appointments to the University: Classics. W. J. Alexander, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., a teacher of wide experience in both secondary schools and colleges; an honor graduate of Toronto University B.A. in 1899, M.A. in 1903; put his Ph.D. from the University of California in 1905; now Professor of Classics in Western University, London, Ont.

Modern Languages. L. H. Alexander, B.A., M.A., honor graduate of Toronto; taught in Ottawa Collegiate Institute; examiner for a number of years in modern languages in University of Toronto; has been for five years teaching in the City College of New York, where he has been in charge of a department of 15 instructors. Highly recommended by Professors at Columbia University, New York, and of the City College.

English Literature. J. W. Broadus, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. B.A. Washington University; M.A., University of Chicago; Ph.D., Harvard University; Professor of English in University of South Dakota, and more recently instructor in Harvard University.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Lecturer in Engineering. Mr. Muir Edwards, M.Sc. of McGill University; son of Dr. Edwards of Macleod, Alta.; has been assistant professor in McGill University for five years, and has made a specialty of municipal engineering.

Those appointed members of committees are: Executive Com. (vice): The Chancellor, the President, and Mr. Justice Beck Dr. Ferris and John A. McDougall.

Finance Committee: John A. McDougall, treasurer; Messrs. McCall, Strathly, Riddell and the President.

Committee on Building and Grounds. The President, Messrs. McCall, Ferris, Riddell and Beck.

It was decided that convocation be held in the autumn and that the exact date and all arrangements be left to the Executive Committee.

The President reported the prospects of 50 students at least when the classes open in Strathcona on September 23rd.

The meeting decided to confer degrees and confer graduation upon members of convocation, and also upon such other university graduates as make application with proper credentials before the meeting of convocation.

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